

St. Mary's Holy Dormition
Calhan, Colorado · Founded 1905

November 15, 2026 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost | Tone 7
Venerable Paisius Velichkovsky

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:14–22 | Epistle (221)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 10:25–37 | Gospel (53)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Many Years!

Anniversaries

Nov 20th – Richard & Debbie Molner

Birthdays / Name's Days

Nov 15th – Terri Volosin
Nov 15th – Greg Olyejar
Nov 15th – Abigail Leithead
Nov 20th – Debbie Hlatki
Nov 21st – Camden Robinson
Nov 22nd – Morgan Sparks
Nov 23rd – Garth Perry
Nov 28th – Josh Leithead
Nov 29th – Lori Meier
Dec 1st – Robert Boyd
Dec 2nd – Pete Pyatt
Dec 2nd – Meagan Gardner
Dec 2nd – Marah Robinson
Dec 6th – Jeanie Mikita
Dec 11th – Anya (Boyd) Gazii
Dec 12th – Mayzie Ann Jackson

Calendar

Sat, Nov 14th
Catechesis 5:15 PM; Great Vespers 6:30 PM

Sun, Nov 15th
Hours 9:10 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour & Church School 11 AM (Team 7)
Nativity Fast begins

Thu, Nov 19th
Prayer & Stories, 6:30–8 PM

Fri, Nov 20th
Vespers with Lity, Entry of the Theotokos, 6:30 PM
40-Day Panikhida, Hmk. Silouan, ~7:30 PM

Sat, Nov 21st
Entry of the Theotokos: Hours 9:10 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Catechesis 5:15 PM; Great Vespers 6:30 PM

Sun, Nov 22nd
Hours 9:10 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour & Church School 11 AM (Team 8)

Thu, Nov 26th
Thanksgiving: no Prayer & Stories

Sat, Nov 28th
Great Vespers 6:30 PM

St. Mary's Holy Dormition ☨ Orthodox Church

Saint Paisius Velichkovsky

Today the Church remembers Saint Paisius Velichkovsky. He was born Peter in Poltava in 1722, the eleventh of twelve children of a priest. At seventeen he left his studies at the Kiev Academy to seek a monastery and a true spiritual father, a search that shaped his whole life.

After years among the monasteries of Ukraine and the sketes of Moldavia and Wallachia, he went to Mount Athos in 1746. There he was tonsured with the name Paisius, later ordained a priest, and gathered disciples at the Skete of the Prophet Elias. For seventeen years on the Holy Mountain he copied Greek patristic books, translated them into Slavonic, and taught his disciples the Jesus Prayer.

In 1763 he went to Moldavia with sixty-four disciples, first to Dragomirna, then to Secu, and in 1779 to Neamț Monastery, where he spent his last fifteen years translating the writings of the Holy Fathers. He fell asleep in the Lord on November 15, 1794, at almost seventy-two.

His disciples carried his Slavonic Philokalia and the tradition of eldership into Russia, sparking a great spiritual revival in the nineteenth century. Among the books Saint Herman brought to America was the Slavonic Philokalia printed in 1794. Holy Father Paisius, pray to God for us!

> *"There remains for us only one solution: to study the Holy Scriptures and the writings of the fathers day and night..."*
>
> St. Paisius Velichkovsky ☨ to his first disciple, Bessarion

Troparia & Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion — Tone 2 (St. Paisius)

Having become a stranger on earth, you reached the heavenly homeland, O Venerable Father Paisius. You taught the faithful to lift up their minds to God, crying out to Him with all their hearts:// "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Kontakion — Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Kontakion — Tone 8 (St. Paisius)

Like a much-laboring bee, you were an elect zealot of the monastic life, supplying our souls with the writings of the Fathers, through which you guide us on the path of salvation. Therefore, we cry out to you:// "Hail, truly wise Paisius, for through you, the tradition of spiritual Elders has been restored to us!"

Prayer List

Departed:
Hmk. Silouan, Dylan
George J. Yurich (54 Years) ☨ Memory Eternal!
Kathryn Sakala (35 Years) ☨ Memory Eternal!
Susie Sabo (55 Years) ☨ Memory Eternal!
Elmer E. Sakala (42 Years) ☨ Memory Eternal!

Living:
Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. George & Family, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman & Family, Muriel, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, Makiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Rahab, Kade, Vanessa, Sheila, Andrew, Harry, Lore, Michael, Rhonda, Bartley, Natalia

With Child:
Kelsey, Kelly, Vana, Mat. Philothea

Confined:
Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Traveling:
Zach

italics = pending expiration

Commemorations

Venerable Paisius Velichkovsky, Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, of Edessa, Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate, Martyr Demetrios of Thrace, Kupyatitsa Icon of the Mother of God, Saint Philip of Rabanga, "Fragrant Flower" Icon of the Mother of God

Parish Announcements

Nativity Fast — Begins today and continues until the Nativity of Christ. Please speak with Fr Tikhon if you are curious about how to fast according to your abilities.

Entry of the Theotokos — Vespers with Lity Fri. Nov. 20, 6:30 PM; Divine Liturgy Sat. Nov. 21, 9:30 AM.

40-Day Panikhida — For Hmk. Silouan, Fri. Nov. 20, following the Vigil and Lity, about 7:30 PM.

Thanksgiving — No Prayer & Stories on Thu. Nov. 26.

RMOYC Winter Retreat — High schoolers: Dec. 28–30. Register at RMOYC.org; questions to Mka. Mary Jewett.